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TO: Ken Klein
FROM: Jim Kelly and Andy Purdy
DATE: August 29, 1977

RE: Interview with James Curtis Jenkins, 9:30 A.M.
Central Time, August 24, 1977, Room 316, Federal
Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Jenkins was interviewed because of his participation in the autopsy of President Kennedy.

Mr. Jenkins currently resides at 210 Flag Chapel Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (home phone: 601/922-6866). (See memo from Colleen Boland to Jacqueline Hess, August 17, 1977)

Mr. Jenkins told Ms. Boland in their phone conversation of August 17 that he was very hesitant to talk over the phone because he had information which was controversial. He indicated to us that will be applying for a Government Insured loan for his graduate medical education. Mr. Jenkins was in the service just over five years (serving between 1960 and 1966). Mr. Jenkins began his service in San Diego in 1960 and then went on to Balboa Hospital. Mr. Jenkins made no mention of any service in an area near Lee Oswald. Mr. Jenkins was present in Bethesda in 1963 attending lab technician school there. At the time of his training, Captain Stover was head of the Medical School, Dr. Humes Chief of the Laboratory

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the whole body X-rays are "normal" in legal autopsy.

Mr. Jenkins said the only thing he found "impressionable" was that Drs. Humes, Boswell and the Captain of the Honor Guard were "...the only ones not of flag rank."

Mr. Jenkins said he was told subsequent to the autopsy by an admiral not to discuss the autopsy. He said he later learned this man was the Surgeon General.

While Mr. Jenkins recalled no comment regarding the tracheotomy, he said he thought the "...natural assumption was that it was a tracheotomy, because it was a natural procedure." He recalls the doctors' concern about not being able to find any metal fragments. He said repeated X-rays were taken by a "...third class X-ray technician." He remembered that if anyone left the morgue they did so with a Marine escort. He said food was brought in. He said he didn't leave during the autopsy.

Regarding the autopsy descriptive sheet, Mr. Jenkins recalls that he "...put in the chest incisions and tracheotomy." That he doesn't think he drew the back wound. He said it was possible that Dr. Humes added to the sheet. Mr. Jenkins said that five or six years later he